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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y TEXT (PARA 1 LINE 1)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, OPEC, VE
SUBJECT: CONTINUED EFFORTS TO UNIFY OPEC PRICES

REF: CARACAS 4587

1. DURING A CALL MAY 10 ON MINISTER OF ENERGY VALENTIN HERNANDEZ BY ASST. SECRETARY TODMAN AND THE AMBASSADOR, HERNANDEZ SAID HE WAS LEAVING THAT EVENING TO VISIT LIBYA, GABON, AND NIGERIA, THREE OPEC COUNTRIES WHICH WERE NOT INCLUDED IN PRESIDENT PEREZ' RECENT MIDDLE EAST TRIP. (THIS WILL LEAVE ONLY TWO OPEC MEMBERS, INDONESIA AND ECUADOR, WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN VISITED DURING THIS ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS.) ASKED ABOUT PRESIDENT PEREZ' TRIP, HERNANDEZ SAID ONLY THAT IT HAD BEEN VERY POSITIVE, HAD SERVED TO BRING SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN CLOSER TOGETHER, AND THAT THERE WAS NOT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN AGREEMENT ON PRICES.

2. A LOCAL NEWS REPORT ALSO NOTING THAT HERNANDEZ WOULD BE TRAVELING TO NORTH AFRICA AND GENEVA, LINKED HIS TRIP TO PEREZ' EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PRICE SETTLEMENT.

3. COMMENT, HERNANDEZ' TRIP, FOLLOWING SO SOON AFTER HIS RETURN WITH PEREZ FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, SEEMS TO CONFIRM THAT THE GOV BELIEVES IT HAS MADE SOME PROGRESS ON THE PRICE ISSUE AND THUS LENDS CREDENCE TO AT LEAST PART OF THE SAUDI CLAIMS REPORTED REFTEL.

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